

Senate File 5 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the speed limit on primary highways.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
3 TLSB 1172XS 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.285, subsections 4 and 5, Code
1 2 2007, are amended to read as follows:

1 3 4. ~~Notwithstanding any other speed restrictions~~ Except as
1 4 ~~otherwise provided by law,~~ the speed limit for all vehicular
1 5 traffic ~~shall be fifty-five~~ is sixty miles per hour.

1 6 5. Reasonable and proper, but not greater than fifty-five
1 7 miles per hour at any time between sunrise and sunset, and not
1 8 greater than fifty miles per hour at any time between sunset
1 9 and sunrise, on secondary roads ~~unless.~~ However, if such
1 10 roads are surfaced with concrete or asphalt or a combination
1 11 of both, ~~in which case the speed limits shall be the same as~~
1 12 ~~provided in subsection 4 of this section~~ limit is fifty-five
1 13 miles per hour at all times of day. When the board of

1 14 supervisors of any county ~~shall determine~~ determines upon the
1 15 basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the
1 16 speed limit on any secondary road is greater than is
1 17 reasonable and proper under the conditions found to exist at
1 18 any intersection or other place or upon any part of a
1 19 secondary road, the board shall determine and declare a
1 20 reasonable and proper speed limit at the intersection or other
1 21 part of the secondary road. The speed limits as determined by
1 22 the board of supervisors shall be effective when appropriate
1 23 signs giving notice of the speed limits are erected by the
1 24 board of supervisors at the intersection or other place or
1 25 part of the highway.

1 26 EXPLANATION

1 27 This bill increases the speed limit from 55 to 60 miles per
1 28 hour on primary highways other than certain divided,
1 29 multilaned highways with a speed limit of 65 miles per hour
1 30 and interstates, which have a speed limit of 70 miles per
1 31 hour. The state department of transportation retains the
1 32 authority to lower the speed limit on any part of the primary
1 33 road system. Current scheduled fines for speeding violations
1 34 in speed zones greater than 55 miles per hour under Code
1 35 section 805.8A are applicable to violations of the new speed

2 1 limit.
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